

FFESTINIOG URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1965

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PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health

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M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector and Surveyor


CYRIL PARRY C.R.S.I.

HEALTH COMMITTEE

The Health Committee consists  
of all Members of the Council

Clerk and Chief Financial Officer  
of the Council

T.H.MORGAN



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL  
OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1965

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health Report for the year ending 31st December, 1965.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population was 6,480 (compared with 6,560 in 1964; 6,570 in 1963; 6,610 in 1962; 6,708 in the 1961 census and 6,920 in the 1951 census).

There were 87 live births (122 in 1964; and 110 in 1963).

There was one stillbirth and 2 infants died in the first year of life, one of them in the first week.

No woman died during childbirth.

The number of deaths was 95 (88 in 1964; 106 in 1963; 85 in 1962) 18 were due to strokes; 16 to coronary artery disease 14 to heart and circulatory disease and 12 to cancer. These are the commonest causes of death in the county and in the country as a whole.

Three deaths were attributed to tuberculosis and 14 new cases of the disease were notified.

I wish to thank the public health inspector Mr. Parry for his assistance during the year and also the clerk and other Council Officials.

Finally I should like to thank the Council Members for their continued support.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

H.FRANCIS,

District Medical Officer of Health.



GENERAL STATISTICSSECTION A

Area of Ffestiniog District	1965
Rateable Value	249175
Population (Registrar General's figures)	- 6,480
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	- £989.10.6
Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books) at end of year	2157

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors	-
Births	1.09
Deaths	1.03

BIRTHSLIVE BIRTHS

	Males	Females
Total	44	43
Legitimate	40	42
Illegitimate	4	1

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 pop. - 13.42

1964 figures - 18.60

Illegitimate Live Births per 1,000 pop - 0.77

STILL BIRTHS

	Males	Females
Total	1	nil

Still Birth Rate per 1000 pop. - 0.15

Still Birth Rate per 1000 total Live and Still Births - 11.36

TOTAL BIRTHS

	Males	Females
(Live & Still)		
Live -	44	43
Still -	1	-

DEATHSDEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	Males	Females
Total	2	Nil
Legitimate	2	Nil
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births - 22.98  
1964 figures - 08.20

Deaths of Legitimate Infants Mortality (per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births) - 24.39

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants Mortality (per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births) -

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS

	Males	Females
Total	1	Nil
Legitimate	1	Nil
Illegitimate	Nil	Nil





<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE</u>		Males	Females
Total		1	Nil
Legitimate		1	Nil
Illegitimate		Nil	Nil

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate - 11.5

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate - 11.5

Perinatal Mortality Rate - 22.7

MATERNAL DEATHS (Including Abortion) - Nil

MATERNAL MORTALITY Rate per 1000 Live Still Births - Nil

<u>DEATHS</u>	Males	Females
Total Number	48	47

Rate per 1000 pop - 14.66

1964 figures - 13.41

#### DEATHS FROM CANCER

Total number 5 7

Rate per 1000 pop - 1.85

1964 figures - 01.98

#### DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total number 3 -

Rate per 1000 pop - 0.46

1964 figures - 00.76

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

#### (1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

One Medical Officer of Health. One Public Health Inspector/Surveyor.

#### (2) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examination of water and examination of milk for cleanliness and keeping quality and for brucella organisms by the Public Health Laboratory Conway, Water analysis chemical by the Public Analyst Chester.

#### (3) Ambulance Facilities

Three Ambulances stationed at Blaenau Ffestiniog.

#### (4) Infant Welfare Clinics

Held fortnightly at Isallt Clinic and monthly in the Bethel Chapel Vestry, Llan Ffestiniog, 2nd Tuesdays.

#### (5) Ante Natal Clinics

Held at Isallt, Clinic weekly.

#### (6) Orthopaedic Clinic

Held at the Clinic Wynne Road every fortnight.

#### (7) Tuberculosis Clinic

Clinic held at Wynne Road, Blaenau Ffestiniog on Friday of every week.

#### (8) Immunisation

Immunization is carried out at the Infant Welfare Centre and in General Practitioners surgeries and by the School Medical Officer at Isallt Clinic.

#### (9) Hospitals

One General Hospital in Blaenau Ffestiniog.

#### (10) Infectious Diseases

Total number of Infectious diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year :-35

Scarlet Fever 3

Measles 21

Erysipelas 1





TUBERCULOSIS (New Cases)

Pulmonary - Total 14 - 10 Males and 4 Females.  
 Non Pulmonary - Total Nil

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Pulmonary - Total 3 - 3 Males  
 Non Pulmonary - Total Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

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New cases and Mortality during 1965 in age groups

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1								
2								
3								
5								
10								
15								
20								
25	4							
35	1	1						
45								
55	5	1			1			
65		1			1			
75					1			
Total	10	4			3			

CAUSES OF DEATH 1965

Males Females

Tuberculosis Pulmonary	3	-
Tuberculosis, other		
Syphilitic disease		
Other infective and parasitic disease		
Cancer Stomach	1	1
" Bronchys	1	-
" Breast	-	2
" Uterus	-	1
" Other Sites	3	3
Leukaemia, aleukaemia		
Diabetes		
Vascular Lesions of nervours system	8	10
Coronary disease, angina	10	6
Hypertension with heart disease		
Other heart diseases	1	8
Other circulatory disease	2	3
Influenza		
Pneumonia	1	2
Bronchitis	7	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		
Nephritis and nephrosis		
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion		
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations		
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	9
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1
All other accidents	1	-
Suicide	1	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	-
<u>FOOD HYGIENE</u> Food premises were inspected and advise given	48	47
to food handlers generally during the year. No. of prosecutions - Nil		



BURIALS AT LOCAL AUTHORITY CEMETERIES

Bethesda 71

Ffestiniog 22

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1947 (AMENDED 1951)

No cases were removed under the provisions of the 1951 Amendment Provisions.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Housing Acts

Houses Closed	6
Persons displaced	18
Houses made fit after informal action by L.A. (by owner)	8
Demolition Orders	Nil

Public Health Acts

Houses rendered fit after formal Notice by L.A.	4
Water closets repaired	20
Drainage repairs & Improvements	35
Nuisance caused by animals	3
Houses disinfected & fumigated	2
Houses disinfested	1
Action re Tents, Vans & Sheds	Nil
Cesspools emptied	6

Refuse Removal

Refuse collection in all parts of the district is carried out weekly using one side loading vehicle and one rear loading vehicle

There is no separate trade refuse collection or charge. No complaints were received regarding collection.

Sewerage

A new sewer was constructed at Cwmorthin Road.

HOUSING AND BYELAWS

Discretionary Grants

No. of Applications received	-	17
No. of Applications approved	-	17
Amount of Grants approved	-	£6061
Amount of Grants paid during year	-	£4793

Standard Grants

No. of Applications received	-	43
No. of Applications approved	-	43
Amount paid during year	-	£6303

Plans

74 Applications and plans were submitted and approved.

Council Building

3 Three bedroomed houses completed at Engedi. 3 Flats and 4 three bedroomed houses completed at Bryn Coed. 3 Bungalows at Pengwndwn  
5 Garages were constructed.



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1965 RAINFALL MORYNION

January	11.76	Inches
February	1.09	
March	5.21	
April	8.96	
May	7.26	
June	8.96	
July	9.64	
August	9.59	
September	13.89	
October	7.32	
November	6.50	
December	23.74	

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WATER SUPPLY

Report on samples of town water showed same to be Ministry of Health Classification 1.  
A new main was completed at Pantllwyd and all properties connected.

MEAT INSPECTION

One private slaughterhouse is operating in the area.

The following were slaughtered and examined during the year.

	Cattle	Pigs	Sheep
January	8	21	100
February	10	22	49
March	8	26	14
April	7	17	13
May	8	21	59
June	14	16	78
July	7	15	80
August	8	12	111
September	6	21	110
October	9	19	104
November	8	32	145
December	8	13	50
	101	235	913

3 Sheep. liver were condemned (Fluke)  
2 Bovine liver condemned (Cirrhosis)  
2 Pig livers condemned (Pleurisy)

OTHER FOODS

356 Tins of foodstuffs were condemned during the year.  
2 stone of fish were condemned.







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SAMPLES TAKEN IN THE URBAN DISTRICT OF FFESTINIOG DURING THE YEAR  
ENDED 31st December, 1965

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

1.

ARTICLE	NO.OBTAINED	NO. CERTIFIED AS ADULTERATED OR NOT UP TO STANDARD	REMARKS
Bread	1	-	-
Buttered Maccaroons	1	-	-
Pure Jersey Cream	1	1	Def.in fat to the extent of 7.7%
Saccharin Tablets	1	-	-
Sweets	1	-	-
Milk (Formal)	16	1	Def in fat to the extent of 10%
Milk (Informal)	-	-	-
	22	2	

2. MILK(SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS 1963

CLASS OF MILK	NO.OF SAMPLES	APPROPRIATE TESTS	NO.OF SAMPLES	
			PASSED	FAILED
Pasteurised	6	Methylene Blue Phosphatase	6	-
			6	-
Sterilised	2	Turbidity	2	-
Untreated	39	Methylene Blue	33	6
Ultra-heat-treated	-	-	-	-

3. BIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING(TUBERCULOSIS AND BRUCELLA ABORTUS)

Number of samples tested 39

4. Number of licensed dealers in Ffestiniog District 3

Consumer Protection Dept.,  
County Offices,  
Lombard Street,  
Dolgellau

Signed R.T.Edwards.  
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CHIEF INSPECTOR



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PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949  
REPORT FOR 12 MONTHS ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1965

		TYPE OF PROPERTY				(5) Agricultural
		Non - Agricultural				
		(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All Other (inc. Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3)	
1.	Number of props. in L.A.'s District	7	2308	407	2722	48
2.	Total number of props. inspected as a result of notificat notification	Nil	311	4	315	Nil
	Number of such props. found to be infested by :-					
	Common Rat - Minor House Mouse - Minor	7 Nil	98 263	2 2	107 265	
3.	Total number of props. insp. in the course of survey under the Act	7	1112	314	1433	38
	Number of such props. found to be infested by					
	Common Rat - Minor House Mouse - Minor	7 -	160 539	6 94	173 633	3 -
4.	Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	71	1112	418	1601	41
5.	Number of infested properties (in Sections 2, 3 & 4) treated by the L.A.	7	1004	104	1178	3



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FACTORIES ACT

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act.

PART 1 OF THE ACT

1. INSPECTION for purposes of provisions as to health.  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspector.)

Premises  (1)	Number on Register  (2)	Number of		
		Inspections  (3)	Written Notices  (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted.  (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	3	15	1	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sect.7 is enforced by L.A.	30	26	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Sect.7 is enforced by the L.A. (Excluding out-workers' Premises)	2	2	-	Nil
	35	43	Nil	Nil







## THE SHOPS OFFICES AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

## Totals

TABLE A Registrations and General Inspections	Offices _____	26	26	10
	Retail Shops _____	45	45	20
	Wholesale shops, warehouses _____	2	2	2
	Catering establishments _____ open to the public, canteens	7	7	7
	Fuel storage depots _____	2	2	2
	1	2	3	4
	Class of premises	Number of Premises registered during the year	Total no. of registered premises at end of year	Number of Registered Premises receiving a general inspection during the year.

TABLE B. - Number of visitors of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises.

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Table C	Class of workplace ( 1 )	Number of persons employed ( 2 )
Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by workplace	Offices _____	98
	Retail Shops _____	148
	Wholesale dept. warehouses _____	4
	Catering establishments _____ open to the public	18
	Canteens _____	1
	Fuel storage depots _____	10
	TOTAL	279
	TOTAL . MALES	134
	TOTAL FEMALES	145



PARTICULARS  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found.				
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Insp. (4)	By H.M. Insp. (5)	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted. (6)
Want of Cleanliness (S.I)	2	2			
Overcrowding (S.2)					
Unreasonable Temp. (S.3)					
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)					
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)					
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defective (c) Not separate for sexes					
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out - Work)					
	2	2			

PART VIII OF THE ACT

There are no outworkers.

